Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Howard O'Conner and Lucille Kribell exchanged their wedding vows on May 12, 1945, in the country Garryoween Catholic Church, Burbank, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Father Jerry Leen officiated the ceremony with the couple promising to share their lives and love together for the rest of their days; and,

Whereas, Howard and Lucille gave life and love to 11 children who have in turn presented them with 25 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Howard and Lucille farmed in Clay County, and were active in the Burbank and Vermillion communities as well as the Garryoween and St. Agnes Catholic churches; and,

Whereas, The newly-wed couple of 60 years ago has been replaced by two devoted partners who have shared life's beauty and sorrow and have grown to love one another more because of their common journey:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 12, 2005, as

HOWARD & LUCILLE O'CONNER DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with the honored couple's family and friends in wishing them continued health and happiness in a state that stands prouder today because of their contributions and commitment.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State